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Hi EPA, ADEQ, ADHS, Maricopa County Colleagues,

As you know, ATSDR received a petition earlier this year from Don't Waste Arizona and Save Tonopah Oppose Poultry Plan (STOPP) to conduct a public health assessment of ammonia emissions from Hickman's Family Farms facilities in Tonopah and Arlington, Arizona. Thank you for helping ATSDR learn about the facilities, the available air monitoring and modeling data, and what your organizations have done to try to address community concerns. ATSDR used all of this information in our decision-making process.

ATSDR sent the attached letter to the petitioners this week. It explains our decision to collect air monitoring data and use that data to assess potential health risks. As noted in the letter, we look forward to involving your agencies in this process. I'll follow up with this group about holding a conference call in December (or possibly January) to discuss ATSDR's next steps. In the meantime, feel free to contact me with questions.

Finally, I'm going to share this letter with Hickman's Family Farms today.

Best regards,

Ben

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